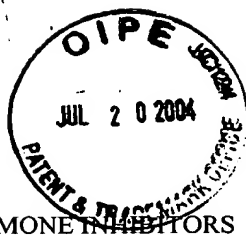


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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required
☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
☐ Additional documents filed herewith:

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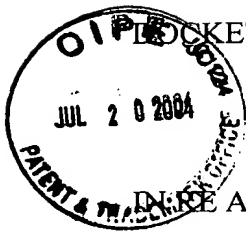
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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated April 20, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this response.

Support for the Amendment appears on page 13 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this response.